

influence others from following the Lord. How can we discern in advance how our proposed actions will influence others? Where is your life having negative and positive influence on others toward following the Lord?

Sermon Notes

"A Crisis Averted"
Numbers 32
January 22, 2023

- c. Moses chastises them for not seeing the similarities between their conduct and that of their fathers in Numbers 13-14. What are the parallels? Who was commended and why? Who is condemned and why?
- d. What descriptions does Moses use to help them grasp the gravity of their actions? How do we tend to minimize the seriousness of sin in our own lives?

4. Read 32:16-32.

- a. What evidence do you see that the Gadites and Reubenites truly understood Moses' concerns?
- b. Look up Joshua 4:12-13; 22:1-9. What does this add to the story? What is emphasized between all of these passages? How does that follow-through principle apply in your own life?

Let's Pray

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 01-22-2023

Getting Started:

1. Can you recall a time when your own selfishness negatively impacted others?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read Numbers 32:1-5.
 - a. Why did the two and a half tribes decide to settle outside of the Promised Land? What do you think of these reasons? Are they good reasons or not?
 - b. Is there anywhere in your life where your possessions are having greater influence on your decision making than the promises of God? Where might you be settling down in a place other than where God has called you because it better suits your lifestyle?
3. Read Numbers 32:6-15
 - a. Moses asks a revealing question (v.6). Why does he ask it? What does he want his listeners to think about? How can we evaluate our own motives for selfish desires of comfort?
 - b. Moses insists that their actions would negatively